



TESTIMONY
OF THE
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

Raised Bill No. 5812, "An Act Concerning Automatic External Defibrillators"

CCM urges the committee to amend RB 5812 to provide 100% reimbursement to municipalities for the new costs.

Among other things, this bill would require all local public schools and all public buildings to provide and maintain at least one automatic external defibrillator.

CCM supports the intent of Raised Bill 5812, and appreciates Section 3 in the bill providing grants to municipalities for one-half the cost that is incurred by the purchase of automatic external defibrillators. However, this bill, as it is currently drafted, creates a new under-funded state mandate on towns and cities. If the State deems it important to create this new mandate, the General Assembly should amend the bill to provide 100% reimbursement to municipalities for the new costs.

CCM asks the committee to **amend RB 5812 to provide 100% state reimbursement to municipalities for any new costs**



If you have any questions, please call Donna Hamzy or Gian-Carl Casa of CCM, at (203) 498-3000.